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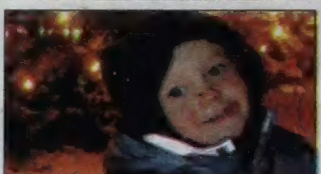
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A decade later, OPP gets its new office

by BRYN WEESE
Times staff

The joke has already been made a handful of times. The Haliburton Highlands OPP detachment can't wait for their new digs to be built, especially because it is right across the street from Minden's Tim Hortons.

But all jokes aside, the police officers, distinguished guests and

members of the public who gathered on Tuesday to officially launch the construction of the new OPP building were still all smiles.

"I'm pleased this project will meet the operational needs of OPP members serving the Haliburton Highlands community," said Community Safety and Correctional Service Minister Monte Kwinter. "As Minister I can tell you that this government

is committed to providing our law enforcement officers with the tools and resources they need to serve their communities so well."

Back in 1994, the process began to equip the Haliburton Highlands detachment with new facilities. Having previously turned down a previous grant of \$2.3 million for a new county building that would have housed all of the emergency services and having lost several grant applica-

tions with the overturning of various governments, Warden Jim McMahon is very happy that the project is moving along. Being present at the sod turning was especially important since he was also warden in 1994 when the project was first hatched.

"It's here now," he says, "and it certainly gives one a great sense of accomplishment."

"We've worked hard and we've
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Darren Lum/TIMES

Angels on parade

Although there were pretend angels on parade, the real Christmas angels were the numerous volunteers who donated their time and dedication to keep the Minden Santa Claus parade alive. Organizers say this was one of the best parades in years. Congratulations Minden. More photos on pages 14 and 15.

Prized deer stolen from hunt camp

by BRYN WEESE
Times staff

Try to imagine the shock and awe of someone stealing your first deer.

That is exactly what happened to Jesse Cunningham this past deer season when, on the final day of the rifle hunt, he and his father Keith and other members of their camp returned to pick up the deer for processing and it was gone.

"My first thought was my son," says Keith Cunningham, owner of

MilCun Marksmanship Complex near Kinmount. "Oh my God, he's going to be heartbroken."

The Cunninghams, whose camp is off County Road 121 near Kinmount, had left the night before with one load of deer for butchering. Jesse's first deer, a large-bodied buck with a unique antler pattern, went missing some time the next morning.

"If they're genuinely hungry," says Jesse's father Keith, "I'm sympathetic and I would have given them the meat in a heartbeat."

"I don't want the meat now," he

continues, "because who knows how it's been handled. I would like the antlers back, though, because it was my son's first deer."

Jesse Cunningham is a 26-year-old member of Canada's armed forces. Between his job in the military and school, he has rarely had time for hunting, an activity both he and his father enjoy.

An obvious answer to the missing deer is coyotes or wolves. Even a bear might have dragged it away. A bear, of course wearing

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Ready, set, election!

Healthcare likely will be hot topic

by BRYN WEESE
Times staff

Canadians will be going to the polls to elect a new federal government on January 23.

On Monday night in the House of Commons, all three opposition parties, the NDP, the Conservatives and the Bloc, voted in favour of Stephen Harper's motion that the Liberal minority government lacked the confidence of the house, forcing this short-lived parliament to dissolve.

Many Liberal politicians, including the candidate for this riding, Greg Walling, did not favour a campaign over Christmas.

"We really didn't want to have this election right now," says Walling who is a first-time candidate from Lindsay. "We have a tremendous amount of seniors in this riding...how are they going to get out in inclement weather?"

The local NDP candidate, Anne MacDermid, also envisions some problems with a winter election campaign.

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The Haliburton Highlands detachment would like to thank the following community partners: Robinson's General Store, Dollo's IGA, Easton's Valumart, Todd's Independent, Haliburton IGA and the Wilberforce IGA.

Drinking and driving is a dangerous mix that can lead to deadly consequences. This festive season, be responsible and don't drink and drive.

Bryn Weese/TIMES



You better watch out

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Charles Dickens Jr. (Tim Nicholson) reads a Christmas story written by his more famous father to the audience at the Minden Cultural Centre.

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Ghosts of Christmases past haunt gallery

It was a ghost of Christmases past when the son of Charles Dickens was conjured up at the Minden Cultural Centre.

Nearly a hundred people attended the visit of Charles Dickens Jr., who read a Christmas story written by his father.

Well, it wasn't really Charles Dickens Jr. Nor was it an apparition. Instead, Tim Nicholson got dressed to his 19th-century nines to delight the crowd.

Michael Fay, the Minden playwright, worked with a group of local volunteers to bring history alive by writing scripts based on the idea of famous visitors visiting the Minden area in various historical periods. The group is called the Conjurers of County Town. Their first production was Victoria's Jubilee in 2004.

In planning this year's project, Fay realized that the railway had reached Haliburton in 1878 and that Charles Dickens, Jr. and his wife, Bessie, were on tour in North America that year, presenting readings of Charles Dickens' stories. In the creative process, Fay imagined what would happen if a fictional agent were to take them to Minden instead of the promised California.

He built a local welcoming committee around the women of the Women's Institute, giving the guests goodies from the Minden Cheese Cooperative. It became a bit of fun to mix a bit of fact with a lot of fiction and to create lives and lines for the characters and for a different kind of Christmas performance.

Fay recruited the brilliant Caryl Miller to dress the main characters and Tim Nicholson (Charles Dickens, Jr.), Kathryn Boyd (Bessie Dickens), Jim Blake (Jimmy Jones, the Dickens' Chicago agent), Dianne Graham (Eustacia Barret-Barnes), and Gord Graham (Town Crier) to do the speaking parts.

The local volunteers (Sue Eskelin, Fay Martin, Jessie Gael, Sue Reid, Klara Oyler) costumed themselves to get in on the action. Pat Brezina recruited a group of Archie Stouffer students to play parts, too. And for the 100 people present, it was a great way to start the holiday season.

The event raised \$1,500 from the silent auction of fabulous Christmas trees and wreaths from local artists, artisans, and businesses to support projects of the Minden Hills Museum, including the wonderful work they do introducing children to local histo-



Bessie Dickens (Kathryn Boyd) shares a laugh with her husband Charles Dickens Jr. (Tim Nicholson) following the reading.

ry. "Charles Dickens, Jr. Visits Minden" was supported by a grant from the Haliburton County Development Corporation for advertising.

The event was such a success this year that the committee is planning next year's event. It will be built

around a 50s theme with a visit from the poet, Dylan Thomas, to read his famous, *Child's Christmas in Wales*. Sue Eskelin and Debbie Mansfield will organize artists and artisans to create works around a Santa Claus theme, with commissions from sales going to the Minden Hills Museum.

Minden Hills gives next council a Christmas present

by BRYN WEESE
Times staff

The following are brief notes from the Minden Hills council meeting on Thursday November 24.

Following a recorded vote, Minden Hills council has decided to increase the salary of the incoming council to that of Algonquin Highlands.

"I am not in favour of this resolution regarding raising the wages of councillors," said Councillor Clayton Cameron. "We don't have to do it just because the other municipalities did it."

Councillor Ingram Wessell was also against the salary increase.

"We didn't take this job to get rich," he

had said previously.

Councillor Peter Oyler, who wanted to increase council salaries following elections next year, voted in favour of the resolution, as did Reeve Jim McMahon, Councillor Ron Buchanan, and Deputy Reeve Cheryl Murdoch.

"My position is that we set the rate for the next guy or lady coming in," said Oyler. "The next council can do away with it [the pay increase], or double it."

"I have not supported to increase this council's salaries," Oyler added.

The resolution passed four votes to two. Although the salary of the next Minden Hills council will be increased to that of Algonquin Highlands, there will continue to be an additional \$100 per councillor for each special meeting that is attended.

CAO Gerry Morrison estimated that there might be five special meetings a year.

Murdoch is deputy reeve

Nominated by Oyler and seconded by Cameron, Murdoch is the new deputy reeve of Minden Hills.

Following municipal protocol, the deputy reeve's seat was declared vacant at the last council meeting. Murdoch's old councillor seat was declared vacant and must be filled within 60 days.

Hazardous Waste Days

Minden Hills will be holding one half day for hazardous waste in May, June, July, August, September and October.

Each half day for hazardous waste col-

lection will cost the municipality \$750 plus the cost to dispose of the materials. The latter cost is dependant on the amount of waste collected.

Lochlin Community Centre

Bob Romberg, Minden Hills' environmental and property operations manager, told council that the federal government was interested in partnering with the township to build a ramp at the Lochlin Community Centre.

The proposal will enable Elections Canada to use the community centre during federal elections.

With a federal election scheduled for January 23, it is unlikely that the ramp will be built for this coming election.

New office should put an end to bickering: warden

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worked together to accomplish something great," McMahon told the gathered crowd. "This facility is a vast improvement over our current operations."

At 10,135 square feet of usable space, the new building will be three times the size of the Haliburton Highlands OPP's current facilities. It will include three holding cells, improved access for the disabled, a prisoner processing area, proper breath and fingerprinting rooms, a community meeting and detachment briefing room, and change room facilities for the officers and staff.

Overseeing construction of the new building is the government's real estate arm, the Ontario Realty Corporation.

Despite the good times and happy faces at Tuesday's official launch party, the location of the new 10,000 square foot complex has not been without debate at the county level.

Several members of county council,

including Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey, felt that the new detachment should be located more in the centre of the county. Chiefly, it was felt that communities such as Wilberforce, Cardiff, and Gooderham are too far from Minden to feel a part of the detachment.

Addressing the historic conflict, McMahon, who is also reeve of Minden Hills, says that this is no time for bickering.

"We should be thanking the Minister for the announcement," he said, "not interfering."

While people chuckled at the Tim Hortons joke, another joke of sorts was also to be had: Although the official groundbreaking ceremony took place this past Tuesday, construction of the building is nearing completion.

It is expected the OPP will move into their new building by May of 2006. That is a deadline, says Haliburton Highlands Interim Detachment Commander Nick Baranik, which will be kept.



Bryn Weese/TIMES

Monte Kwinter, the Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services, joined Warden Jim McMahon in officially launching the construction of the new OPP offices on Hwy. 35 in Minden.

ATV used to remove deer from camp

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boots and driving an ATV.

"There were fresh boot tracks leading to the meat pole," says Cunningham who called the Ministry of Natural Resources and the OPP when they noticed the missing deer. "You can see where they dragged it over the fence."

ATV tracks were also left at the scene.

The MNR took samples from the scene and the investigation continues.

Keith Cunningham continues to search for the antlers to his son's first deer. Local outdoor stores and butchers have all been made aware of the robbery.

"Please just put the antlers on the fence that you dragged the deer over," he pleads to the perpetrators. "I'll gladly call off my search if I can just have the antlers back."

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What? You want me to turn my music down?

by BRYN WEESE
Times staff

All right parents, the time to snoop on your children is nigh. Not what they listen to, or watch or play, but how loud they listen to it.

Noise-induced hearing loss, such as that caused by loud music and televisions, has become a growing concern among Canada's youth.

To address the growing concern, the Hearing Foundation of Canada with funding from the Ontario Trillium Foundation, earlier this fall introduced a program designed to educate children about preventative measures to save their hearing. It's called Sound Sense: save your hearing for the music.

The program, offered through the Grade 6 Healthy Living-Injury Prevention curriculum, will be taught to 140,000 children across the province in 3,000 schools. On Monday, Dianne Hagerman's Grade 6 class at Archie Stouffer Elementary School got a Sound Sense lesson in safe listening from Richard Bowring, manager of programs and development at the Hearing Foundation of Canada.

"About 85 per cent of the students I talk to damage their hearing," says

Bryn Weese/TIMES



Stephan Schollig, a Grade 6 student at Archie Stouffer Elementary School, is told by Richard Bowring that he listens to music too loudly. Schollig's volume was measured at 90 decibels in an experiment during the Sound Sense program at the school.

Bowring. Specifically, MP3 players, television and computer games are all being listened to by Canada's youth at unsafe levels.

Hearing loss has become a major concern in Canada with one in 10 Canadians suffering some form of hearing loss. The Sound Sense message – "do all the things you enjoy, but protect your hearing too" – is a good one, says Bowring. Noise-induced hearing loss is the second most common type of hearing loss today. With larger and louder stereos, louder industry,

louder computer games and louder televisions, children are more susceptible today to noise-induced hearing loss than previous generations, he says.

But just how loud do some of Mrs. Hagerman's students listen to music? In a classroom experiment, Drake Hurrell was measured listening to a Walkman at 100 decibels. A safe listening level is 85 decibels. Stephan Schollig also prefers to listen to his Walkman too loudly. He was measured listening at 90 decibels.

For comparison, while most Walkmans

and MP3 players will allow 110 decibels of volume at their maximum, rustling leaves are about 10 decibels, a flushing toilet can be as loud as 75 decibels and a gunshot as loud as 140. Beyond 85 decibels is when permanent damage begins.

Sound Sense promotes protecting the hearing of pre-teens through the use of ear-plugs, lowering volume levels where possible and, if nothing else works, leaving the noisy area.

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Elect to elect

There is nothing finer than election time, whether in the spring, summer, fall or yes, even in winter. The flexing of democratic muscles, however weak and puny, is an invaluable process for the health of this country.

This upcoming election could be as fascinating as they come. A changing of the guard, a return of the devil we know, a growth for the NDP as well as the Bloc are all possible outcomes equally likely as the next. Regardless of who sits on which side of the floor come January 24, one thing is almost guaranteed: the next government of Canada will be another minority.

Here in our riding, Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock, a minority government will mean great things. Minority governments allow the voter the freedom to vote for the person and not the party if only because minority governments can work only if rooted in compromise. And here, with strong candidates representing each of the three main parties Anne MacDermid for the NDP, Greg Walling for the Liberals and Barry Devolin, the incumbent, for the Conservatives this election campaign will offer us, the voters, plenty to digest, not just about the party and the platforms but also about the candidates themselves.

Elections are fun. They are invigorating and tumultuous and can cause vigorous debate among the best of friends. However, Canadians have become sadly apathetic towards the political process. In the most recent federal election only 17 months ago, only 60 per cent of registered voters turned out to the polls. That's the lowest turnout since Confederation in 1867! That figure does not even recognize the number of eligible voters who have never bothered to register themselves.

Here in Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock, voter turnout was only marginally better than the national average. Only 64 per cent of eligible voters in this riding trekked to the polls in 2004.

We all know the wildcats; they turn blue in the face preaching the merits of their favourite party while downplaying the accomplishments of the others. Truth be told, a little wildcat goes a long way in the democratic process. However, regardless of who you decide to vote for, it is vitally important that you follow the election campaign, and that on January 23 you cast your ballot for the candidate you think will best represent us, the voters of Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock.

Healthcare and the environment are but two issues in the grand scheme of things. While their impact may be a little more prominent here, in Minden and Haliburton, it is also important that we express ourselves democratically, through voting, about what we think is best for the future of Canada.

Increasing mass apathy towards politics and the democratic process take away from the strength and vitality of the government, regardless of what coloured ties it wears. Whether Liberal or Conservative, or New Democrat or Green, for that matter, a government is only as strong as the process that puts it in office.

This winter, get out and vote. Here in Minden, we are used to inclement weather. We are used to bad roads and heavy snow. It should not be an excuse to avoid fulfilling your duty as a privileged member of a western democratic country.

Without voters turning out to the polls, our democratic muscles remain puny and weak. Typically, we are left with a government that does not reflect the views of Canadians and cares little for the opinions of those who could not be bothered to vote.

— Bryn Weese

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IMAGES OF THE HIGHLANDS

Low water levels on the Gull River.

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TO THE EDITOR

Times readers write

Reeve's proud of parade

To the Editor:

The winds of change are always blowing and we should never fall into the trap of thinking that all circumstances remain the same throughout our lives. With change comes new opportunities.

We should thank the Minden Lions Club for the years they organized the Santa Claus parade.

This took a lot of work and many volunteer hours.

Thanks also need to be given to the local businesses and organizations, float entrants, local citizens and visitors, and of course Santa, for joining together to make this year's Santa Claus parade the huge success it was. Next year's will be even better!

Thank you. You make me proud to call Minden Hills home.

Reeve Jim McMahon
Township of Minden Hills

IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

Cruel to be kind

I'm not sure if the world is becoming a kinder or a crueller place. And, when I say crueller, rest assured that I'm referring to a degree of meanness and not the doughnut. Though not a huge fan, I have no beef with the doughnut.

I think it's easy to see why I'm confused though. And, once again, I'm not referring to that whole doughnut/meanness conundrum either, although you've got to admit that that too is sort of baffling. No, instead I'm talking about how there seems to be a growing chasm between the meaning of actions and the words that describe them.

For instance, people are still doing horrible things to each other but our words are no longer reflecting that. Need an example? Well, after the subway bombings in London, the BBC began using the term "misguided criminals" instead of "terrorists." It seems that, in these days of political correctness, they felt that terrorist was too harsh a word.

So here we have fanatical idealists

wreaking havoc upon society and yet we're supposed to be considerate of their feelings. Okay, maybe I'm being too hard on the BBC.

But I think you get the point. At the root of all this confusion is political correctness and, quite possibly, the doughnut industry. Someone, and I happen to believe it's Barney, is forcing us to use words to spare the feelings of practically everyone.

Here are a few recent examples: "Brainstorming" is now being replaced by the term "thought shower." The former was apparently offensive to those people with brain disorders, although, to be honest, I'm not absolutely sure we should believe everything that a person with a brain disorder tells us.

I am reasonably sure that the Mensa

Society orchestrated this change, partly; I suspect, because it could be used in a

pick-up line. As in, "Hey baby, why don't you and I buy a bottle of wine and the *New York Times* crossword puzzle and then spend some time in the thought shower?" You've got to admit, it's sexy in a geeky, cerebral sort of way.

As if that's not enough, now, in some school systems there is no such thing as the word "failure." That unfortunate term has been replaced with "deferred success." As always, it's coming thirty years too late to help me.

Maybe I'm old-fashioned but I liked it when words said what they meant. I think it's okay, and quite often fun, to tell a parent that their kid is an abject failure. It never hurt my mom and dad all that much. The truth is, back in my day, "deferred success" was a term

you used to describe a mangy animal that somehow managed to survive the winter.

There are countless examples of how meanings are being watered down. As a hunter I'm told that I now "harvest" an animal rather than kill it. Because of this, I'm thinking I ought to buy a tractor before next fall. It'd only make sense since nothing runs like a deer.

But let's take this a little further. Let's pretend for a minute that we removed the word kill from our vocabulary. Would we then say, "Harvest the lights" or "My back is harvesting me"? Would the James Bond movie be renamed "A view to a harvest"?

Isn't English difficult enough?

It seems to me all that political correctness does is take us away from good honest expression.

Heck, sometimes people just need to be called stupid.

Especially when they don't know what deferred means...



BEYOND35

Steve Galea

Last of a dying breed

Len Pizzey insists that The Brown Dog Jiggs is actually red. He is wrong, but since he is leaving, I will not quarrel with him.

Actually, leaving is the wrong tense. Make that left, as of yesterday. The picture of small town journalism I have carried from my youth grows ever dimmer.

Pizzey was almost the last of the independent publishers until he sold his newspapers to the Osprey Media Group about a year ago and now he is gone from the newspaper business entirely.

If you are of a certain age, if you grew up in a certain time, newspapers were at the centre of your universe and the men who made them were crotchety, cynical outsiders.

In the big cities, they were men (rarely women) often ruined by their craft, usually bitter with the disappointments of their lives, often drunks, dressed in respectable white dress shirts with cuffs frayed by their poverty.

Those were city newsmen. It was their cousins who cobbled together the weekly miracles of little country newspapers who kept their ideals, or so I believed then and still believe.

The best of the weekly publishers were consciences of their communities. A lifetime ago they walked the small town

streets, picking up news items and advertisements and subscriptions all in the same trip, coming back to an office reeking with the smell of machine oil and printer's ink to toil into the night.

It was about as precarious a way of making a living as you could find.

A couple of lifetimes ago, you could acquire a newspaper in a prosperous Ontario railway town simply by accepting its front-door key and its debts.

Somebody I know did exactly that; no money changed hands.

In the tiny farming hamlet where I grew up, a World War Two veteran started up a weekly newspaper and, when it failed, he jumped off the village dam and succeeded at that. That is almost the earliest of my boyhood memories.

A publisher had to be able to set type and operate a printing press and write headlines and understand local politics and know just about everybody in town and feel responsible for all of them.

Most importantly, he had to find a way

to persuade the small businessmen whose advertisements were all that stood between him and bankruptcy that, in the long run, they and their towns would be better served by a paper that reported what was true rather than what was convenient.

The best of the old publishers were frogs who might have swum in much larger ponds but found something far more important to do.

Jimmy Stewart in his *It's a*

Wonderful Life mode might have played the role. Or Len Pizzey.

Or that is how I imagined it was. If

that world ever really existed it was long gone by the time Pizzey came to the backwoods to edit the *Haliburton County Echo*.

The process by which he went from country editor to proprietor of a mini-chain that included the *Echo* and this newspaper to being a group publisher for Osprey would be better described by those who followed it first-hand.

But the evidence of what he has accomplished is still there for anybody to



BACK OF BEYOND

Neil Campbell

Best wishes to Len Pizzey on his retirement

Len Pizzey's retirement as publisher of The Haliburton County Echo and Minden Times was an excellent opportunity to re-connect with former employees. We received this e-mail from Erin Tennant, the young "Aussie" who spent much of 2002 here and thought our readers would be interested in an update on his activities.

Please pass on my best wishes to Len. I'm currently working for a community newspaper in western Sydney called *The Blacktown*

MORE LETTERS

Times readers write

Advocate, where the editorial-to-advertising space ratio is well and truly tipped towards the advertising dollar. So I miss the wide-open editorial spaces that Len guaranteed at the *Echo* and *Times*, where journo could skip and frolic across the page like the giddy young charges of the Von Trapp fami-

ly in *The Sound of Music*.

Nowadays, I find myself crammed into so-called quarter-page "blank spots" next to the latest bargains on 30-can slabs of beer or the "unbeatable prices" of the local used car dealership. I honestly can't remember what's it like to write a piece more than 700 words long - the absolute maximum where I now work, and even then only after special consideration.

While I have no "funny stories" about Len, I do have a really embarrassing

moment when my parents came out to visit from Australia. Jamie Woodman had kindly offered to use her place for a pot-luck BBQ to welcome mum and dad, but I failed to properly brief my parents about who did what at the paper.

I remember very clearly my mum, Sue, taking her lunch plate to a seat opposite Len, turning to him and asking with a sweetly ingenuous smile, "So, Len, do you work at paper, too?" I sank in my chair.

Happy retirement, Len!

Don't be fooled

To the Editor:

Re: "Property Owners Unite; Councils must listen to MPAC's impact", letters, Times Oct. 27.

Over several issues of the Times, I have read all the letters to the editor on this issue and like Ron Pellerin, I was hit with a tax increase of approximately \$150 more than the previous year (after the township was to hold the line). I consider this to be too much.

The first thing I would like to say is that I agree 100 per cent with all the comments of all the letters that I have read.

I noticed in the Times of Nov. 10 that the low turnout at public meetings has MPAC happy about its numbers. I say, don't be fooled by their attitude. Most cottage owners are not happy, nor are they stupid. They are only going to be told their complaints are not valid and they can't change their assessments. So what is the use of wasting one's time running to see MPAC?

What I see of most importance is that the councils must heed what these people are saying. Stop gouging and lower the mill rate to a reasonable rate of inflation. I am a local person, born and raised in this area. I am a resident of Ingoldsby. I owned a business in the town of Minden (known as Minto Marine where Jug City now stands) from 1954 to 1975, when I was forced to sell due to bad health.

I have had a hearty respect for these cottagers or waterfront homeowners and still have today. These people are the life and blood of our area. We should never lose respect for these people.

Councillors of Minden Hills

had better listen to what they are being told, so should all the municipalities in this entire area. I know these cottage owners and regard them all with great respect. Some remarks may be considered as threats; they are not threats, but are more like promises, and they had better be kept.

There is another matter that is of great concern: with energy prices still quite high and the cost of heating oil going to be very high, I wonder how some of these people are going to pay their bills. We are not all millionaires (as some people think) but are mostly seniors living on fixed income and struggling to cope. It is certainly not the time for a tax increase.

I thank you all.

Robert A. Minto,
Minden



O Canada Christmas

The Girl Scouts were both patriotic and Christmassy during the Santa Claus Parade in Minden Saturday. Photo, Darren Lum.

Razzamataz thanks newspapers for coverage

To the Editor:

At this time of year, we at Razzamataz Kids' Shows would like to thank the Haliburton Echo and the Minden Times for their support in past seasons. The papers help us get the word out before the shows, and then cover the shows with great pictures of colourful performers and happy kids. The publicity is one reason that our audiences are growing, which helps us maintain high quality in the shows while keeping ticket prices low compared to the costs to see the very same performers in Lindsay or Orillia.

We would also like to publicly thank our sponsors, the local businesses whose generosity

covers a large part of the costs of the shows.

This year's sponsors include Curry Motors, Floyd Hall Insurance, YMCA Camp Wanakita, Haliburton Rotary Club, Churko Furniture, Haliburton and District Lions Club, Patient News Publishing who have all sponsored us before, as has a valued anonymous donor who rarely gets mentioned in our advertising. This year we welcome Todd's Independent Grocer as a new sponsor.

We are very proud of the quality and popularity of the Razzamataz Kids' Shows. As a small volunteer organization, we could not do it without the substantial community support we

receive from local businesses including the Echo and the Times. Thank you everybody, and we hope to see you at The Holiday Dream at the Northern

Lights Pavilion on Sunday!

Stacey Bennett, Amy Klose,
Jennifer Paton, Gesa Fleugel
and Michelle Dulong

Letters? If you write them, we'll try to print them

The Minden Times always welcomes letters to the editor.

If you feel the urge to put pen to paper, please try to keep your comments concise. Always sign your name, hometown and include your phone number. The number won't be published, but it is required to confirm it was you who wrote the letter.

You can send your letter to

The Editor, c/o The Minden Times, Box 97, Minden Ontario K0M 2K0. You can also fax your letter to 286-4768 or e-mail it to Martha Perkins at mperkins@haliburtonecho.ca.

Letters will be edited for spelling, grammar, length and inflammatory comments. If you have any questions about letters, please call Martha at 457-1037.

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Remember the last date to register is Dec. 16th. Don't get caught without a basket because you forgot to register

This space sponsored by the Minden Times

Legion reaches out to community groups

by BRYN WEESE
Times staff

While Minden Legion members are understandably busy remembering comrades and veterans during the month of November, they are also thinking about the health and comfort of others at the Minden Hospital and Hyland Crest.

Last Wednesday, the Legion donated \$3,500 to the Minden Health Care Auxiliary and \$500 to the Hyland Crest Residents Council.

Marilyn Burroughs, Auxiliary president, says the money will go towards a new crash cart for the Minden Hospital as well as a new hand washing station.

Nancy Lee, acting activity coordinator at Hyland Crest, thanked the Legion on behalf of the 62 residents for the money. It will be used, in conjunction with other monies, for sunshades at the front entrance at Hyland Crest.

With a new garden and rest area in the front, Lee said it will be pleasant for the residents to be able to enjoy being outdoors in the shade on hot summer days.

Make sure it's only the snow that falls this winter

Winter is no time to slip up on safety.

With older adults at a greater risk of falling on snow and ice, the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit is urging seniors to take action now to stay on their feet. The Health Unit is kicking off its 'Falls Prevention: You're in Control ... Every Step of the Way' safety campaign to highlight the risks of being injured from falls.

Statistics show that falls are the leading cause of injury deaths for people over the age of 65. It's estimated that one in three older adults suffer a fall each year.

"While falls can be devastating to an older person, the good news is that most falls are preventable," says Angela Andrews, a Health Promoter with the HKPR District Health Unit.

She urges older adults in Haliburton County to celebrate their independence by seizing control of their situation. This means preparing for the upcoming winter by realizing and removing potential hazards around them that could cause injury.

"Snow and ice are the most common

winter obstacles, so action here is imperative," Andrews notes.

Keeping walkways, steps and driveways well lit and clear of snow and ice is crucial. Having a shovel and bag of salt, sand or cat litter easily accessible during winter months makes sidewalk cleaning easier. Reporting walkway/sidewalk hazards to your local municipality is also advisable.

For better traction in snow, Andrews suggests wearing boots or overshoes that have a deep tread and fit properly. She says using equipment such as hip protectors, ice grippers on shoes, or an ice pick at the end of canes can also help people stay on their feet on icy walkways.

Older adults who want further help to prevent falls can pick up a free home safety checklist at their local Health Unit office. They can also look for copies of the *Staying On Your Feet - At Home & Beyond* Guide at local libraries. For more information on falls prevention, call the Health Unit at (705) 457-1391 or visit www.hkpr.on.ca.



The Minden Legion made substantial donations to both the Minden Health Care Auxiliary and the Hyland Crest Residents Council recently. From left to right are Veteran Services Officer Al Mayo, Branch President Georgina Parkes, and, above, Minden Health Care Auxiliary President Marilyn Burrows, below Nancy Lee, Hyland Crest's activity co-ordinator, and Poppy Chairman Sydney Adamson.



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Spreading cheer

The Knights of Columbus of Minden were busy this past Tuesday spreading Christmas cheer. To both the SIRCH Community Hospice and the Minden Food Bank, the Knights of Columbus donated \$250. Also, the group donated \$200 to the Hurricane Katrina Relief Fund. The Rev. Charles Kay of the Minden and Kinmount chapter thanks the community as well as all those who supported the fundraising efforts of the Knights of Columbus. Primarily, funds were raised through the sale of lottery tickets and fundraising dinners. Presenting the cheques to the two local recipients were (back row, left to right) Grand Knight Len Lassaline and Henry Doiron, a member of the organization. Accepting the cheques, in front, are Barbara Walford-Davis, chair of the Minden Food Bank and Linda May Powers, co-ordinator of the SIRCH Community Hospice. Photo by Bryn Weese.



The Minden District Lions Club made two significant donations this past Friday. Community Care received \$1,471 and the Minden Hills Santa Claus Parade received \$750. Present at the cheque donation were, from left in the back row, Gord Monk, president of Community Care, Lions Club President Scott Moore and Lions Club Treasurer Al Eskelin. In the front row are Community Care Director Annette Richardson and Minden Hills Reeve Jim McMahon. Photo, Bryn Weese.

Lions Club sweetens life for Community Care

by BRYN WEESE
Times Staff

The Minden District Lions Club has sweetened the holidays, not only for the Minden Hills Santa Claus Parade but also for Haliburton County Community Care.

Earlier this year, the Minden District Lions Club and Community Care co-hosted a charity golf tournament at Delta Pinestone Resort. All of the proceeds from that tournament are now in the hands of Community Care.

All of the Lions Club's share of the tournament proceeds, \$1,471, were donated to Community Care recently at the soon-to-be-completed new Lions Hall on Bobcaygeon Road in Minden.

Community Care intends to use the money for more Emergency Response

Systems, a safety feature that allows people who have fallen or otherwise become immobile to call for help using a button on a necklace.

Another significant donation from the Lions Club was \$750 to the Minden Hills Santa Claus Parade.

Historically, the Lions Club has put on the parade itself. This year, although the township is organizing the parade, the Lions Club donation will go a long way to making the 17th annual Santa Claus Parade a success.

Minden Hills Reeve Jim McMahon accepted the check on behalf of Minden Hills.

Last year, the Minden District Lions Club donated upwards of \$22,000 to various organizations and causes throughout the community.

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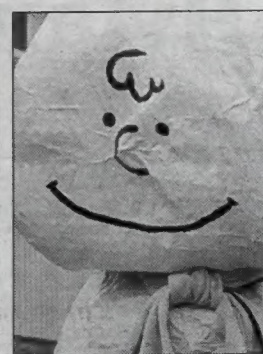
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Constituents don't seem bothered by winter election

from page 1

"In our riding, it's going to be tough driving," she says. "It is going to be tough to get around to talk to people."

MacDermid thinks that the rural ridings, which require more travelling than urban ones, were not a consideration when the three opposition parties, including her own, decided to bring down the government.

On the other hand, Conservative MP Barry Devolin, the incumbent for the riding of Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock, believes that an election through the holidays will not burden most people.

"For the candidates, it's a level playing field," he says. "I've heard an interesting mix of comments."

Devolin added that some people, namely farmers, have told him that they prefer winter elections because they have more time to follow the campaigns and weigh the issues.

In a recent Environics poll, 62 per cent of Canadians said that it is not important to them that the holiday season is being interrupted by an election campaign. The people in Minden, too, do not seem disturbed by an election campaign through the winter months.

John Young, a resident of the county for 17 years, believes that the election call was inevitable given the last few months of parliament.

"Well I guess it had to come some time," he says.

Cliff Harding, a resident of the county for 30 years, also is not bothered by a winter election.

"It takes the same amount of time to vote in the winter as it does in the spring," he says.

Other members of the Minden populace also expressed indifference to a winter election, saying that there is no point continuing a government that doesn't govern.

One person, who wished not to be named, argued that since Canadians do not vote in great numbers anyway, a winter election would make little difference. The die-hards, she said, would still vote while those apathetic to politics would continue not to vote.

But what, not who, will people vote for?

The same Environics poll conducted in late November found that 94 per cent of Canadians believed honesty and integrity in government were either somewhat or very important in determining how they plan to vote.

Here in Haliburton County, the issues of significant importance will no doubt be a select few from a list of many. Both Harding and Young agreed that the environment will be a big issue in this riding. Harding added that healthcare is always an issue everywhere.

Several of the candidates agree.

Walling, who has been serving as the vice-president of Kawartha Health Care Initiative, believes, as do all the candidates, that healthcare, specifically greater access to it, will be a prominent issue. The Kawartha Health Care Initiative is a volunteer charitable organization designed to attract family physicians and medical specialists to the Lindsay area.

"There are a lot of seniors in our riding," says Walling. "Because of that, we need greater access to healthcare."

The NDP's MacDermid says that the number of seniors in this riding means that healthcare will be important throughout the campaign.

"We offer a positive vision for Canada," she said. "Particularly, access to healthcare and the preservation of publicly funded healthcare."

Both MacDermid and Walling think that the environment will play a major role in the election campaign.

Like his competitors, Barry Devolin also believes that access to healthcare will be a priority throughout the campaign.

"When asked, the number one issue among Canadians is healthcare," he said. "We need more doctors here. I think that is the local focus."

Recently, Devolin embarked on a letter-writing campaign, sending letters to 2,500 doctors throughout the GTA enticing them to relocate their practice to the riding of Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock. Devolin says his letter campaign has already sparked some interest.

Whatever issues constituents in Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock find relevant or vote-worthy, all three candidates are looking forward to discussing the issues this time around rather than the personalities and the issues of the past.

"People are very cynical about politicians," says Walling. "I think the issues are more important than the politicians."

"People have been voting against something," adds Walling. "I want to give people a reason to vote for something."

MacDermid is also anxious to debate a vision of Canada and not to get into the finger-pointing that has been prevalent in past election campaigns as well as the previous sessions in the House of Commons.

"I would prefer to put some positive solutions on the table," she says. "We have to give people something to vote for."

"I look forward to the debate."

Devolin is also tired of the finger-pointing among politicians and the fear and loathing tactics of previous election campaigns.

"I think that the [sponsorship] scandal is the context, not the issue of the campaign," he says. "I think Canadians want to move on."

"Finally we can move on to our messaging," he added. "We want to convey our vision of the future."

Not only do the three main candidates in this riding agree on what the election campaign should look like, they also all agree that the outcome, likely another minority government, can be productive.

"I believe that a minority government can work," said Devolin. "The responsibility falls to the prime minister to make it work."

"Paul Martin made no effort to talk to anybody," he added.

MacDermid also sees the possibility of a minority government.

"Minority governments have given us a lot of good things," she says. "I would think, in a lot of ways, a minority government is the way to go."

"The parties would have to make coalitions, that's the only way."

Walling says "I think they [minority governments] could work, but obviously all of the parties didn't make this one work. I'm not sure how well a minority government can work with the Bloc."

As January 23 looms on the horizon as the election date, there will be plenty of politics in everyone's stocking this year as all of the candidates in this riding vie for votes.

Winter election here we come.

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Snapshots with Santa Claus



Kids grin ear to ear when Santa Claus stretches out a hand in greeting on Saturday following the parade in Minden. Santa spent some time at the fire hall, posing with children for photographs and sharing cups of hot chocolate. Photos, Darren Lum.



Santa's elves assumed all kinds of interesting positions as the photographer snapped pictures of children on Santa's knees.



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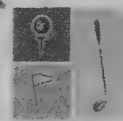
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Everyone loves a parade

They say children are gifts and the Ontario Early Years Centre took that to heart, dressing up the kids on the float as presents; former Reeve Ross Rigney took in the parade from the Gull River bridge, waving to passersby; miniature horses were the darlings of the parade; and this pioneer-dressed woman on the Hyland Crest float had the rockiest seat in the house.

ATV Trails in Haliburton County

The Haliburton ATV Association (a member club of the provincial organization OFATV) would like to thank all of its members for a great season and for their support for riding responsibly.

All HATVA trails are **CLOSED** for ATV use from December 1 until April 1. The only exception is that the Haliburton County Rail Trail does not open until June 1.

The HATVA encourages all ATVers to join the OFATV to help promote and support responsible riding on managed trails. Full membership details can be found on the HATVA website (www.haliburtonatv.com) and on the OFATV's site (www.ofatv.org). Permits are available after December 1/05 for the 2006 season. See you in the spring!

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At right, ASES students Amanda Walker, Eddy Voicey, Jonathan Switzer, Alexa McKinna, William Howden and Jake Stevenson watch their results.

Above, ASES teacher Mr. Mike Holness waits for his pins to drop.

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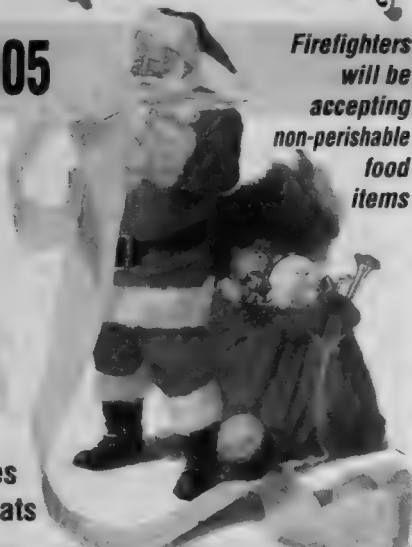
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The following are Highland Storm home games.

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Dec. 3 Novice home tournament 8:00-8:00
Dec. 4 Pee wee TC vs. Sunderland @ 1:30
Novice vs Bracebridge 3:00
Dec. 9 Bantam TC vs Bobcaygeon @ 6:30
Pee wee A vs Bracebridge @ 8:00
Midget TC vs Woodville @ 9:30
Dec. 10 Atom AE Silver Stick 8:00-8:00
Dec. 11 AAE/PTC Silver Stick Finals 8:00-5:00

In Minden

Dec. 2 Pee wee TC vs Mariposa Black @ 7:00
Midget A vs Almaguin @ 9:30
Dec. 3 Atom AE vs Bracebridge @ 3:00
Bantam TC vs Ops @ 4:30
Midget TC vs Manvers @ 6:00
Bantam A vs Parry Sound @ 7:30
Dec. 4 Midget TC vs Mariposa White @ 2:30
Dec. 9 Atom TC vs Sunderland @ 7:00
Dec. 10 Pee wee TC Silver Stick 8:00-8:00
Dec. 11 Atom TC vs Omemee White @ 1:00
Pee wee A vs Gravenhurst @ 4:00



Daren Lum/TIMES

Pressure's on

Red Hawks goalie Mike Lennox goes to the ice to cover up a rebound in the first period during Haliburton's second home game of the season against the Holy Cross Hurricanes. The Red Hawks came out on the bottom of a 7-1 score. Overall, including AAA opposition, the team is 1 - 0 - 2.

CARNARVON BOWL

Tuesday afternoon, November 22

High Average: Ken Thompson 212; Lillian Mattsson 187
High Single: Nick Biljetina 252; Tina Hadley 337
High Single HC: Nick Biljetina 296; Tina Hadley 395
High Triple: Chris Hill 634; Tina Hadley 622
High Triple HC: Ernie Winterburn 736; Tina Hadley 796

Tuesday night, November 22

High Average: Ken Thompson 225; Marlene Robinson 210
High Single: Mike Vuksic 255; Marlene Robinson 271
High Single HC: Mike Vuksic 295; Barb Nash 294
High Triple: Ken Thompson 665; Marlene Robinson 680
High Triple HC: Charlie Robb 774; Barb Nash 768

Wednesday afternoon, November 23

High Average: Ken Thompson 208; Marie Thompson 173
High Single: Ken Thompson 238; Jean Pugh 222
High Single HC: Bill Trapp 250; Jean Pugh 278
High Triple: Ken Thompson 670; Jean Pugh 500
High Triple HC: Bev Hunt 650; Tilly Grosschadl 708

Thursday Afternoon, November 24

High Average: Ken Thompson 220; Josie Cheesman 167
High Single: Lindsay Ploughman 241; Marylene Welch 237
High Single HC: Lindsay Ploughman 302; Marylene Welch 308
High Triple: Ken Thompson 603; Beverly Alexander 604
High Triple HC: Bruno Campagnolo 679; Marylene Welch 803

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Entering is easy! Just decorate the outside of your house and yard with Christmas lights, cut-outs, baubles, bells or whatever strikes your festive fancy! Then write your name, phone number, address and REALLY GOOD DIRECTIONS either on an email message or a piece of paper. Your email can be sent to colliffe@haliburtonecho.ca. Your piece of paper can be faxed to 457-3275 or mailed to Christmas Lights Contest, c/o Haliburton County Echo, Box 360, Haliburton, ON, K0M 1S0. No phone-in entries, please. You must live in Haliburton County to be eligible.

Entries must be received by 5 p.m. Monday, December 5, 2005. Judging will be done during the evening that week and prizes awarded in plenty of time for Christmas shopping!

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Bryn Weese/TIMES

With the lights on low and soft music playing in the background, Wilma Powers (centre left) and Nancy Pettit (centre right) were two of the many palliative care workers who embarked on a relaxation workshop. The palliative care workshop, held in the Hyland Crest auditorium, attracted workers in the service from all across central Ontario.

Palliative care is about living, not dying

by BRYN WEESE
Times staff

It must be one of the most difficult kinds of care to give. Unlike some other healthcare providers who can maintain an arm's length from death, palliative care providers cannot.

For the more than 100 people who attended the Palliative Care Education Day at the Hyland Crest auditorium, living, not dying, was on the agenda.

"It's all about living," said Bev Hunter, a member of the Palliative Care Coalition. "We make the most of the time you have."

The first-ever workshop hosted in Minden by the Palliative Care Coalition

attracted service providers from Lindsay, Peterborough, Bancroft and Port Hope. Throughout the day, those in attendance learned about everything from relaxation techniques, to case studies of symptom management, to the emotional journey through grief and bereavement.

Following lunch Outloud Womyns Voices sang for those in attendance.

Palliative care focuses on those people and their families who are facing a progressive life-threatening illness that cannot be cured. Providers believe that individuals and families coping with life-threatening illness should have access to services designed to enhance their quality

of life.

The Palliative and Bereavement Care Coalition of Haliburton County consists of more than 20 interdisciplinary healthcare service providers. It includes pharmacies, physicians, hospitals, charitable organizations as well as individual service providers.

"We want to provide compassion and care for people who are dying," says Hunter. "It is really characteristic of our

county that we help each other."

For many, the subject at Wednesday's workshop is a rather grim one. For others, such as the healthcare workers in attendance, palliative and bereavement care is essential and not necessarily sad.

"People become more focused on the important things in life," said Hunter. "Some people call it 'healing into dying.' The process is more whole and more peaceful."



Although palliative care helps people who are facing a progressive life-threatening illness, there are still many reasons to share a laugh.

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Fuzz Buzz trims tresses to raise cash for charities

by BRYN WEESE
Times Staff

Look now because the beautiful golden locks adorning the head of Senior Constable Val Jarvis will be gone come September 11, 2006. So too will the hair of Minden Hills Reeve Jim McMahon and county EMS director Bob English.

These three were the first to sign up for the annual Fuzz Buzz, in which participants raise money for a charity of their choice by shaving their heads.

Fuzz Buzz organizer Jarvis is getting an early start on the project this year.

Jarvis is shaving her head for Coppers Bringing Change to the World, an organization of mainly women law enforcement agents around the world who raise funds for women in Third World countries. She's letting the other participants choose their own charities.

"The important thing is that people be passionate about their own thing," says Jarvis.

Reeve McMahon is getting buzzed for Haliburton County Family Services. Specifically, McMahon hopes to raise funds to help send children to summer camp.

Bob English is raising money for the Haliburton County Paramedic Scholarship Fund, given to a high school student planning to pursue post-secondary para-medicine. This past year, his daughter was the recipient.

The Fuzz Buzz initiative is not only for people with hair on their heads.

"If you have no hair on your head," says Jarvis, "no problem. Try your back!"

The idea is for people to raise money for a charity, by whatever shaving means necessary, says Jarvis.

She encourages people not to be afraid of what they might look like without the hair they love. Along with information about the Fuzz Buzz, she readily hands out a copy of a poem by Audrey Hepburn that was read at her funeral. Hepburn's point, which is shared by Jarvis, was that the virtue of beauty is not in the eye, but in the heart.

"For attractive lips, speak words of kindness," reads the poem. "For lovely eyes, seek out the good in people."

For information about the Fuzz Buzz or to volunteer as a pledge, contact Val Jarvis at valjarvis@vianet.ca.



The staff at Gina's Shear Talent in Minden can't wait to get their hands (scissors and clippers) on the hair of Reeve Jim McMahon, OPP Senior Constable Val Jarvis and county EMS director Bob English. The three have promised to shave their heads next September for charity as part of the Fuzz Buzz campaign.

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Achieving a healthier lifestyle is a major theme at our Kinmount & District Health Centre. For many, myself included, this means learning how to be "consumer smart" at reading those food labels while also safely increasing physical activity levels. The stationary bike and treadmill now grace the plant corner of the dining room close to the warmth of the propane stove and can, I guess, provide overflow seating for Christmas dinner should the need arise. Now portion control is proving very effective for weight control. While I have been diligent, I must admit that a small portion of high fibre dry cereal floating in an equal serving of 1% milk can prove a little depressing first thing in the morning. It's a good job there is no prize waiting at the bottom of the box.

Every community has special residents who contribute to its well-being. In Kinmount Art Owens certainly qualifies as one of those dedicated volunteers. Art served in the 405 Squadron of the R.C.A.F. and, following his retirement from Canada Packers, has remained an active member of the Legion Branch 441 Kinmount, St. James Anglican Church and the Kinmount Planning & Economic Development Committee.

In celebration of Art Owens' 80th Birthday an open house will be held this Sunday, December 4 from 1 - 4 p.m. at the Legion. Everyone is welcome; best wishes only.

There will be a Christmas bingo at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 441, Kinmount, on Friday, December 9 with cash prizes, turkeys, hams and a \$500



must-go jackpot. A complimentary light luncheon will be available. Doors open at 6 p.m. with bingo starting at 6:45 p.m. Also at the Legion on Saturday, December 17th at 9 p.m. there will be karaoke with the Back Forty.

While it is expected that he may drop by the railroad station for the tree lighting at 7 p.m. on Thursday, December 1, Santa Claus will officially arrive in Kinmount Sunday, December 11. His parade, sponsored by the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 441 and the K.C.P.E.D., will be moving out along Main Street and up to the Legion Hall starting at 2 p.m. Ho, ho, ho!

An entertaining fiddle and step dance concert by the award-winning Everything Fitz will be held at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion, Haliburton on Saturday, December 10th at 8 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at Master's Bookstore, Haliburton, or call 332-0888.

Now for the Scoring News with your usual reminder to keep busy and well. They go together.

November 22 Stanhope Firehall Seniors Mixed Shuffleboard: The team of Sandy Poulton and Flo Roussel were tops at 325 with George Hamilton and Hazel Dorman next at 274. Third place went to Belle Walker partnered with Connie Sawyer at 258 while Colleen

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Davison and Jim Meadows tallied up the afternoon's low of 182.

November 22 contract bridge at Stanhope: There were three Slams made by Gloria Moore and Muriel McIntosh, Gloria Moore and Margo Davidson and Mary McNeice paired with Pat Hannah. Harold Cox led the scoring at 5920 followed by Len McNeice 5760, Pat Hannah 5730 and Chuck Wilson 5570. Margo Davidson won the lucky draw, Paul Pethick the Shiny Penny and to Harold Cox the B.O.S.C. Award for winning the Battle of Stony Creek.

November 22 bid euchre at the Minden Legion: Gala Stamp had the high score of 326 with Elli Langpohl and Pat Roussel tied for second at 307. Helen Henderson, Helen Luffman and Tom Grix held hidden scores while moonshots landed on Elli Langpohl, Helen Henderson and Tom Grix along with Marcel and Pat Roussel.

November 22 euchre at Lochlin Community Centre: Representing the gents Rita Crofts was high and Gerald Hicks low with Emily Harvie high lady and Inga Walters low. Pearl Cowen won for lone hands and Hazel Benetin took home the draw prize.

November 23 duplicate bridge at Parklane, Haliburton: Using the Howell method top spot went to Stella McMillan

and Ross Davies at 60% then Pat Hannah and Ev Morgan at 58% and Bill Sandford partnered with Judy Neimann at 51%.

November 23 bid euchre at Stanhope: Single moonshots went to Rob Evans, Edith Burch, Gala Stamp, Pat Scadden, Percy Butler, Willie Cox and Jean Scadden with Kevin Maloney and Tom Grix taking two. Barb Robitaille led the pinks at 315 followed by Marion Hill 280 and Edith Burch 276. For the whites Don Burch was first at 285, Pat Scadden 281 second and Rob Evans 280 third.

November 23 Kinmount Seniors euchre at the Kinmount Legion: For the ladies Mildred St. Thomas was high and Emily Harvey low. Our reporter Theresa Deak won for both high man and lone hands while Roger Fournier took the prizes for both low man and the draw.

November 24 euchre at the Minden Legion: Lone hand honours went to Shirley Kuni and Bob Cleverly with the high scores recorded by Maxine Cross and Laura Carnegie. Low score holders were Helen Skelding and John Mallon with Flo Roussel, Linda Hopkins, John Mallon, Don Burch and Russ Blanchard winning the other prizes.

November 25 bid euchre at Club 35: Pat Scadden, Percy Butler and Garth Windsor had the moonshots while Jean Dutka held the hidden score. Leading the pinks was Willie Cox at 306 then Colleen Davison 281 and Jean Randell 258 while Ray Sisson was first for the whites at 270, Garth Windsor 263 second and Jack Cox 262 third.

November 25 duplicate bridge at see BETTY page 21

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Next WI meeting will be a Christmas lunch Dec. 14

by PAM ROLFE
Times Staff

The Minden Women's Institute met at the Common Room on November 16 with 12 members present.

The meeting opened with a tribute to the Veterans of the Wars of the 20th. century.

We sang three verses of O Valiant Hearts and O Canada as a tribute to the members of the armed forces who served our country so well.

The Roll Call was "What do you enjoy about living in your locality?" Most of the members expressed the friendliness, the caring and most of all the peace and quiet of the area.

The Secretary, Treasurer and Card Convenor gave their reports from last month. Mabel Deacon presented a report on the problems that new immigrants face coming to Canada. Del Gunn brought us up-to-date with the last two months events in the area, council briefs, accidents, storms etc.

Carol Simmons from the Museum came in and spoke to us about the project book of historical stories "I remember when..." and she hopes to get feedback from the members.

Mary Cox and Beulah Hewitt served a delicious lunch and we enjoyed 15 minutes of fellowship together.

Our next meeting will be our Christmas Lunch at 11.30 on December 14th. Please contact Mary 286-1158 or Pam 754-1656 if you would like to join us for lunch.

Betty Sharpe gets a personal visit from the card-playing skunk

from page 20

Echo Hills, Haliburton: Under the Howell system Jacqueline and Kelly Metcalf were first at 65% then Sharon Young teamed with Margo Davidson at 64%. Tied for third at 57% were Chuck Wilson and Ross Fletcher and Pat Hannah teamed up with Ross Davies.

November 25 euchre at Staunworth Court, Minden: Albert Foster won for high hands, Hazel Dorman for lone hands, Nick Bokestyn for low hands and Elaine Yeo for the draw.

November 26 bid euchre at Staunworth Terrace, Minden: High scorer for the whites was Pat Scadden at 271 then Helen Henderson 224 and Elva Paisley 216. Elli Langpohl led the pinks at 252 with Gala Stamp 219 second and Pearl Cowen 205 third while the draw winners were Isobel Cherwenka and Albert Foster.

November 28 Kinmount Seniors bid euchre at the Kinmount Legion: For high hands it was Emily Harvie with Theresa Deak filling the second high slot. Mildred St. Thomas won the draw and Pauline Franzen had the afternoon's only moonshot.

November 28 cribbage at the Minden Legion: In first was Elva Paisley then Bob Cleverly second and Jean Scadden third. Other winners were Lois Adamson, Gwen Cox, Jean Scadden and Bob Cleverly.

November 28 euchre at St. Paul's Friendship Club, Minden: Lone hand honours went to Verna McDonald and Marion Stickwood with Margaret Fletcher and Lorne Dinesen recording the afternoon's highs. Ken Rowden had the low score while Gwen Cox won a spe-

cial prize along with Betty Sharpe who received a personal visit from the skunk.

November 28 euchre at Staunworth Terrace, Minden: Our reporter Elaine Yeo was a double winner taking both the high score and special prize. Verna McDonald won for lone hands and Pearl Cowen had the low.

November 28 euchre at Club 35: Carol Hill held the most lone hands with the baloney going to Helen Windsor. It was the Kernohan family, Pearl and Ivan, recording the high scores while Mavis Ryalen and Garth Windsor tallied up the lows. Garth also won a special prize along with Jean Randell.

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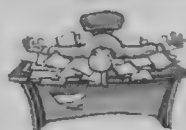
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The Razzamataz season continues after

the holidays: Join Hands Puppeteers returns with Captain Matt's Treasure Hunt Sunday, January 29 at the Northern Lights Theatre. Captain Matt needs the audience's help to track down the elusive pirate Stink Beard. The theme of the show is books and reading.

For the first time in Haliburton, Barry O'Neill brings The Barry O Kidshow on Sunday, March 5 at the theatre. It will be a fun, interactive show full of sing-a-longs, magic, puppets and ventriloquism.

You will be dazzled by the acrobatic stunts and intrigued by the science when Fizzical Fizzicks comes to YMCA Wanakita on April 23. Greg Tarlin and Kristi Heath are veteran performers who

originally created this show for the Ontario Science Centre to help explain the types of motion through juggling, spinning plates, unicycling and more.

All performances are Sunday afternoons at 2 p.m. Watch for the huge, lovable mascot Razzie the Razzamataz Orangutan in the lobby before every show.

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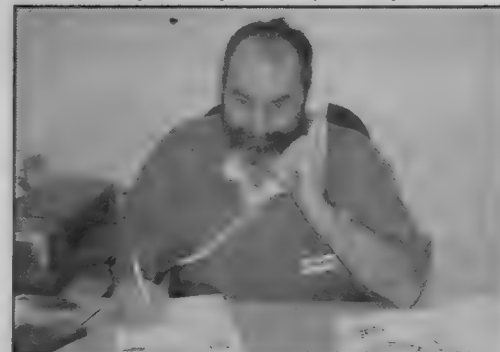


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NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 300(1)(a) of the Municipal Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended, that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills proposes to consider, and if deemed advisable, to pass at its regular meeting to be held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Milne Street, Minden, Ontario, on Thursday, December 8, 2005 at the hour of 9:00 a.m., by-laws to stop up, close and convey those parcels of land more particularly described as follows:-

1. File No. 05-07
Applicant – **Marcus Beach Cottage Owners Association**
Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Kashagawigamog Lake, lying in front of Lots 30 and 31, Concession 4, geographic Township of Minden, designated as Parts 4 and 5 on a Plan of Survey 19R-8073, registered June 28, 2005.
2. File No. 05-08
Applicant – **Marcus Beach Cottage Owners Association**
Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Kashagawigamog Lake, lying in front of Lot 31, Concession 4, geographic Township of Minden, designated as Part 3 on a Plan of Survey 19R-8073, registered June 28, 2005.
3. File No. 05-13
Applicant – **SAMSON (Proctor), Janet**
Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Twelve Mile Lake, lying in front of Lot 11, Concession 12, geographic Township of Minden, designated as Part 2 on a Plan of Survey 19R-8172, registered November 15, 2005..

The above noted plans of survey are available for inspection in the Building and Planning Office at 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario during regular office hours.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that before passing the said by-laws at the meeting to be held at the time and place above-mentioned, the Council shall then and there, hear in person or by his or her counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his or her land will be prejudicially affected by the said by-laws and who applies to be heard.

DATED AT THE Township of Minden Hills, this 24th day of November, 2005.

(Ms) Elinor Kernohan, CMO, CMM
Planning Administrator

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Marvellous music

The sounds of Christmas filled the gymnasium at Archie Stouffer Elementary School in Minden when the combined talents of the Haliburton Messiah Choir and the College Community Choir from Lindsay performed Christmas songs for hundreds on Sunday, Nov. 20. The choruses were directed by Melissa Stephens (left). Photos by Darren Lum.



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The first event in the Writer-in-Residence program at the Dorset Branch of the Haliburton County public library was well attended. Shirley McCormick, a local author, was there to enlighten participants on aspects of writing, using her work *The Estate of Mrs. Pearl Whiteman* as an example.

She confided that she had conceived that idea for her novella as well as her two next books, *Seasons at Redstone Creek* and *Rebel's Landing* during the years she worked in Dorset at the recreation centre from 1983 to 1991.

Shirley's family had always been proud of its heritage and the youngsters looked forward to stories of their ancestors' escapades and daily lives. As the youngest of 10 children, Shirley's mom had a lot of stories to pass on to Shirley, who had especially enjoyed playing in her grandmother's front parlour as a child. Pictures of her relatives adorned the walls.

"It was a room of dreams about family history and events. The gramophone there was the seed for my book." That and the fact that Shirley had had several uncles who never married. The reasons for that intrigued her.

A captivating read, *The Estate of Mrs. Pearl Whiteman*, which spans the 20th century, reflects what rural farm life was like. Shirley said, "I wanted to give a voice to worlds that are rarely heard from. The more I wrote, the more I cried. A good story should do that to people."

It took Shirley about three years to write the book; however, she didn't write progressively for three years. "Writers are really insecure and therefore slow. I let the book write itself, as big as it was going to be. If I had a chance to do *The Estate of Mrs. Pearl Whiteman* again, I would develop it into a novel."

Shirley's early success came with short stories. She joined the Canadian Authors' Association early in her writing career. She says, "If you're going to be with writers' groups, it's important that they put out anthologies or chap books. I don't like to write unless I know it's going to be published." C.A.A. was very supportive.

When it comes to novels, you have to have a tough skin because rejections are what you mostly get. "I'm a strong believer in self-publishing. If you draft a novel, it will gnaw at you until you get it published."

So don't open that Pandora's Box unless you're prepared."

Shirley had many tips for writers. "Something really important is keeping the heart in a story. Don't be afraid of emotion, of going to dark places."

She admitted, "I'm a very visual person and I see scenes first and then a story comes out from that. In *Seasons at Redstone Creek*, I was inspired by something as simple as seeing a lady walking in the snow. Characters in my books don't represent any one person. I include the essence of people and their relationships."

Finally, she cautioned writers, "Don't be too erudite with your writing, but don't be too simple either. Generally, it's good to write at about a Grade 9 level. That's advice I was given."

Shirley's family loved the novella, *The Estate of Mrs. Pearl Whiteman*. The cover was compiled from old family photos. The photographer supplied the central photo of the stooping old man. However, the collage inside the doorframe was compiled from photos Shirley's mother had supplied. The lady holding the horse is actually Shirley's mom.

Writers went away with food for thought and a lot of practical advice. They also carried away autographed copies of her novels and the itch to dive into them as soon as possible. A quiet speaker, Shirley made an impact on everyone present, leaving them with the impression that they too could plan and write a novel with inspiration, patience and a little planning.

Last ride of the year! Join Members of Haliburton ATV Association on the Frost Bite Ride on Sunday, December 4. It will be an intermediate/expert ride. The agenda calls for meeting at the Millpond Restaurant for breakfast at 9:30 a.m. The Millpond is 200 yards north of Hwy. 118 in Carnarvon, right on Hwy. 35.

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To submit any item of interest to this regular weekly feature, please e-mail bpjohnson@sympatico.ca or call 705-489-3878. Share what you know about what's happening in Stanhope or how you enjoyed a particular event or gathering.



NOTICE OF PASSING OF BY-LAW NO. 05-127 APPLICANT - MONK: Ross RZ--05-04

TAKE NOTICE, that the Council of The Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills passed By-law No. 05-127 on the day of 24th day of November, 2005 pursuant to Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.P.13, as amended.

AND TAKE NOTICE, that only individuals, corporations or public bodies may appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board in respect of the By-law by filing with the Clerk of the Township of Minden Hills, not later than the 21st day of December, 2005, a Notice of Appeal, setting out the objection to the By-law and the reasons in support of the objection, accompanied with the fee prescribed under the Ontario Municipal Board Act. An unincorporated association or group may not file a Notice of Appeal. However, a Notice of Appeal may be filed in the name of an individual who is a member of the association or group on its behalf.

Note: If the last day of appeal falls on a holiday, appeals may be filed on the day following that is not a holiday.

THE PURPOSE of the amendment is to amend the zoning category on approximately 8.9 acres of land, located in the geographic Township of Lutterworth, at Part of Lot 6, Concession 14, from Rural (RU), Environmental Protection (EP) and Flood Risk (FR271.69) Zones to Environmental Protection (EP), Rural Residential (RR) Flood Risk Exception 11 (RR*11 FR 271.69, and Rural Residential Exception 11 (RR*11) Zones.

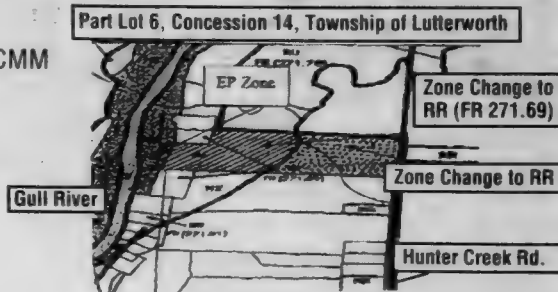
THE EFFECT of the zoning amendment is to permit a building lot.

THE LAND affected by the amendment is shown on the Key Map attached.

Part Lot 6, Concession 14, Township of Lutterworth

A copy of the complete By-law is available for review at Minden Hills' office during regular office hours.

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286-2911
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ASKING \$124,900



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Spacious three bedroom bungalow with separate dining room and large living room. Basement features a guest bedroom and 3 pc bath. Private corner lot only steps away from nice sand beach on Horseshoe Lake. Boat launch and scenic white water rapids nearby. Great country setting only minutes from Minden. Asking \$147,500. Call Bill Kulas to view.

\$147,500



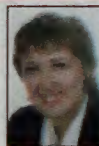
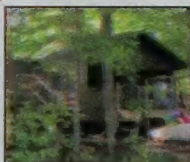
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HIGHWAY 118
Tastefully decorated and remodeled 4 bdrm home within minutes of Haliburton Village. Bright LR with pine cathedral ceilings, master bdrm, w/wood burning FP & 2 pc ensuite, lg entertainment deck & nice, level property. Many newer upgrades including windows, flooring, workshop, oil furnace & septic. A must see!

\$279,900



Lynda Litwin*
286-2911
ext. 35

WATERFRONT COTTAGE
3 bdrm cottage on prestigious 5 lake chain. Cozy ambience with hardwood flooring, updated kitchen, wood stove & attached sunroom. Detached bunkie to accommodate family & friends, oversized dock at water's edge, mature trees & south-west exposure compliment this perfect starter cottage.

\$695,000



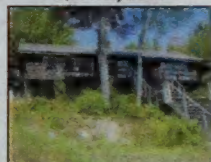
COMMERCIAL
Tremendous location on the corner of Hwy 35 just south of Minden. Buildings consist of Office Administration and two separate shops. Additional M-1 zoned lot and 2nd C-1 (commercial) with 595' on Hwy 35 also.

\$199,000



Geoff Bunn* & Miranda Newman*
457-1011
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\$599,000



176 ACRE RETREAT
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Rick Lowes*
286-2911
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12 MILE LAKE
Waterfront lot, 165 ft of sand beach, level, excellent building site, enjoy miles of boating on this popular 3 lake chain.

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ext. 43

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CIRCA 1870 LOG HOME
Totally restored, 200 amp service, new wiring, plumbing, oil furnace & tank, A/C, FR w/fireplace & thermo windows. Drilled well, 30x50 barn in good condition, 20x40 drive shed. All this on 100 acres. Seller will hold 1st mortgage O.A.C. Call Fred Chapple.

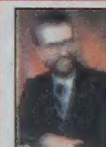
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A GREAT RENTAL OPPORTUNITY
Here is your chance to own a home which boasts "old-world charm", 4 bedrooms + lots of room to roam. Has commercial C-1 zoning - start your own home business.

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IN TOWN MINDEN HOME
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Tom* & Gail* Tempest*
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PRIVACY PLUS
1,400 sq ft main floor living space with full finished walkout bsm. 100 acres, no road noise, wildlife galore. Well built raised bungalow, hardwood and ceramic floors. Wrap around 3 sided porch. Call for all the details.

\$279,000



POST & BEAM ON MINDEN LAKE
Custom built and designed with pine log siding, 3 bdrms, 1-4 pc baths, MF laundry. Lg great room with propane fireplace, many windows, sliding doors to deck overlooking lake.

\$399,000



Vince Duchene**
457-1011
ext. 225

\$139,900



NEW LISTING
Great 3 bdrm family or retirement home located 15 minutes east of Haliburton on Hwy. #118. This home also features 2 baths, finished recroom with w/o as well as a w/o off the dining room to back deck, large, private backyard and more. Call today for viewing!



Elizabeth Thompson*
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\$219,000



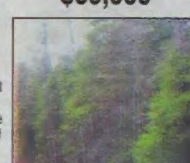
Lenor Fulton* & Tracy Ackers*
286-2911
exts. 23 & 46

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HORSESHOE LAKE
Parklike setting at Minden Whitewater Preserve. Immaculate 4 bdrm fully insulated Viceroy home/cottage w/155 ft of lakeshore. Central heat & vacuum. Airtight stove in sunken living room. Double size garage/workshop. Please call Tracy or Lenor.

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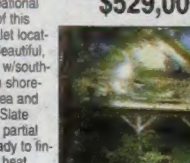
INGOLDSBY
Well maintained 1800 sq ft bungalow. Modern oak kitchen w/island, w/o kitchen to rear deck, new cedar bath with Jacuzzi tub, 3 bdrms, main floor laundry & new roof, new drilled well, close to lake access.

ASKING \$349,000



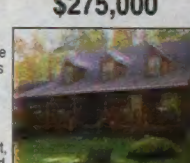
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\$275,000



Melanie Vigrass*
286-2911
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NEW LISTING

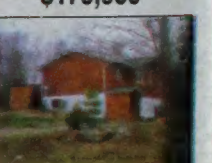
DAVIS LAKE ROAD

Two lots (6.9 acres and 6.1 acres) on year round Township road with hydro at lot line and backing onto crown land. Call Melanie for details.

\$17,500/each

HOME AND ACREAGE
Beautiful 3 bdrm, 2 bath Viceroy home set on 29 acres of mixed bush. Features incl. well-to-wall windows & cathedral ceiling in the living room, FP w/insert, w/o dining room & master bedroom & a partially finished w/o bsm. Call Melanie for details.

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Linda Beachli***
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LOCATION
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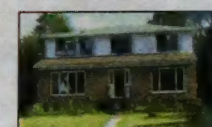


Peter Brady**
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IN TOWN HOME
Imagine the Christmas tree lit in this warm, custom built home with the family together in front of the stone fireplace. 4 bdrms, decks and balconies to enjoy the 21 acres this home is nestled into.

INVESTMENTS

ONLY \$169,900



POWER OF SALE
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INVESTMENTS

\$209,900 ONLY



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